

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

April 4, 2002

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AUDIO-CASSETTE TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN THE SCAG OFFICES.

The Southern California Association of Governments Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) held its meeting at the SCAG offices in Downtown Los Angeles. Chair Ron Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. There was a quorum.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments at this time.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

A MOTION was MADE (Bass), SECONDED (Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the balance of the consent calendar:

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 March 7, 2002 Meeting Minutes

3.2 Receive and File

3.2.1 Intergovernmental Review Report

3.2.3 Summary of SCAG Legislative Positions

3.2.3 High Desert Corridor (HDC) Regionally Significant Transportation Investment Study (RSTIS)

3.2.4 ACA 11 (Richman) Infrastructure Finance

4.0 ACTION ITEM

4.1 Assembly Bill 2333 (Nakano) SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan and County Consistency

Michael Murphy, Government Affairs, gave an update on Assembly Bill 2333. The bill is designed to assist in the implementation of the aviation component of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Components of the bill require that SCAG, in the development of the aviation component of the RTP, develop a fair share distribution of both passenger and air cargo among the four urbanized counties within the SCAG region. The bill contains environmental justice provisions to ensure that no community is unfairly burdened with an airport facility. The bill also identifies a punitive action, such that in the event that a county fails to make reasonable progress toward implementation of the aviation component of the RTP, it could be subject to losing its share of the 25% of interregional funds that come to the county through Caltrans. It also specifies that the Southern California Regional Airport Authority shall be the agency that implements the Plan and that determines if reasonable implementation progress is being made.

The staff report discusses the enforcement mechanism dealing with the loss of interregional funds, the environmental justice provisions, and perceived penalties for the exercise of local control.

Mark Pisano and Mr. Murphy met with Mr. Nakano last week. Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is located within Mr. Nakano's assembly district, and a number of communities affected by the airport are also with his district, most noticeably the City of El Segundo, the official sponsor of this legislation. Mr. Nakano indicated that he is supportive of the regional solution to airport capacity and airport congestion within our region. As a prior member of SCAG, Mr. Nakano is cognizant of that fact that the RTP is developed over time, subject to discussion and debate. He is concerned that the Plan is developed without a mechanism that requires its implementation. Mr. Nakano is interested in developing an environment to both develop the Plan and to implement it. He indicated that he is willing, having come from a local government background, to continue the dialogue regarding the proposed punitive actions.

Staff was told that amendments to the bill are underway, but no specifics were given. Staff recommends continuing to seek amendments and continuing the dialogue with Mr. Nakano.

Public Comment was made by Becky Ames, Chief of Staff for Assembly-member Nakano. She gave a status report on the bill and addressed member's questions and concerns.

Public Comment was made by Dennis Zane representing the city of El Segundo, the formal sponsor of the AB 2333. Mr. Zane pointed out that the Bill is a work in progress and asked the Committee to trust the intent of the author.

Public Comment was made by Seda Yaghoubian, ETRPA. She encouraged the members to oppose AB 2333.

After a lengthy committee discussion with diverse opinions, concerns and public comments, it was MOVED (Jon Mikels), SECONDED (Bates) to approve staff's recommended action. The committee discussion continued.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was MADE (Herzog) and SECONDED (Lowe) to oppose the legislation, AB 2333. A vote was taken on the substitute motion. There were 14 AYES and 18 NOES. The MOTION FAILED.

A vote was taken on the original RECOMMENDATION ACTION to seek amendments and continuance (and come back next month to both TCC and RC). There were 23 AYES and 9 NOES. The original RECOMMENDATION ACTION PASSED.

4.4 Grant Application Amendment

Item was taken out of order.

Rich Macias, Manager of Aviation and Environmental Planning, reported from the Administration Committee meeting that occurred earlier in the day.

SCRAA is requesting SCAG to amend its prior grant request to the FAA to add \$500,000 to allow SCRAA to develop a strategic regional aviation implementation plan. The Administration Committee, by vote, approved the recommended action with the requirement that in the event that the funding is received and prior to the grant being executed, there would be a thorough review of the organization and local representation on the SCRAA.

After a brief discussion a SUBSTITUTE MOTION was MADE (Lowe) and SECONDED (Dixon) for continuance until next month. After a committee discussion a vote was taken. There were 16 AYES and 13 NOES. The MOTION PASSED.

4.2 Senate Bill 10 3X (Sher) and Assembly Bill 2809 (Longville) Diesel Fuel Tax Exemptions

Michael Murphy, Government Affairs, reported that the Board of Equalization met last week on the fuel sales tax and they have gone back to the more conservative interpretation that was part of last year's legislation. Therefore, the authors, Senator Sher and Assemblymember Longville, have decided not to move their bills forward this session.

Staff recommendation was changed to receive and file.

It was MOVED (Lowe), SECONDED (Bernson), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to receive and file.

4.3 Senate Bill 1262 (Torlakson) 10% STIP Incentives for Jobs-Housing Balance

Alfredo Gonzales, Government Affairs, reported on Senate Bill 1262. Local governments throughout California have begun to realize that their traffic congestion problems are in large part due to the lack of affordable housing close to jobs and other services. Senate Bill 1262 by Senator Tom Torlakson, attempts to create a better jobs/housing balance through a fiscal incentive program for local governments that actively promote and encourage smart growth. Specifically, this bill would require county transportation commissions to use 10% of their transportation capital funding as fiscal incentives for local governments that promote housing and development patterns with higher densities and greater proximity to jobs, schools and businesses.

Fiscal awards would only be available for use on transportation projects. Cities and counties that qualify for the incentive grant are then free to fund a transportation project with the revenue they are awarded.

SB 1262 does not reduce the total funding for transportation projects and it does not divert transportation funds to non-transportation uses. Rather, it rewards cities and counties that are building new infill housing and retail developments with transportation dollars to spend on transportation projects of their choosing

SB 1262 is consistent with established policy direction in SCAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide, which states: "*SCAG shall encourage local jurisdiction's efforts to achieve a balance between the type of jobs they seek to attract and housing prices.*" Moreover, the bill's goal of promoting infill development is consistent with the "Growth Principles for Sustaining a Livable Region" that were adopted by SCAG's Growth Visioning Subcommittee. These principles seek to improve mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability for future generations.

Opponents of the bill argue that the legislation threatens local flexibility in setting transportation priorities, thus hindering project delivery. Opponents also argue that the bill mandates a practice that the commissions currently have the prerogative to do.

Riverside and San Bernardino Transportation Commissions oppose the bill.

Public Comment was made by Ty Schuiling, SanBAG. SanBAG has taken a formal position in opposition to the bill. He stated that the passing of this bill would render the RTP no longer financially constrained.

Councilmember Al Leiga spoke in opposition to the AB 1262 and Councilmember Hal Bernson stated his support of the goal of the bill, but not the method of achievement.

It was MOVED, SECONDED, 1 ABSTAINED (O'Connor) and APPROVED to Oppose.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 TEA III Advocacy Efforts and Timeline

Item continued.

5.2 Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC)

Item continued.

5.3 Regional Air Quality Planning Update

Item continued.

5.4 Growth Trends and Forecasts- Implications for Regional Transportation Planning

Item continued.

5.5 US-101 Corridor Study Progress Report

Item continued.

5.6 Long Range Transportation Finance (LRTF) Task Force

No report was given.

5.7 Maglev Task Force Meeting

Bates stated that the Maglev Task Force will meet April 17, 2002. Due to federal pressure, SCAG may be moving toward selecting one of the four Maglev lines for further funding. He encouraged members and non-members to participate in the discussion.

5.8 Goods Movement Advisory Committee

Item continued.

5.9 Regional Transportation Demand Management (RTDM)
Task Force Meeting

No report was given.

6.0 Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC) Meeting

No report was given.

6.0 **CHAIR REPORT**

There was no Chair Report.

7.0 **STAFF REPORT**

8.0 **COMMENT PERIOD**

Councilmember Dixon formally made a request to agendaize the Orange County issues of El Toro Marine Base and to have staff report back to both RC and TCC next month.

9.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Ron Roberts adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m. The next Transportation & Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2002 at the Lake Arrowhead Resort.

Hasan Ikhata, Manager

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Present

Councilmember Ron Roberts, Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Lee Ann Garcia, Vice Chair

Representing

City of Temecula, WRCOG Subregion
City of Grand Terrace

Councilmember Harry Baldwin
 Mayor Bruce Barrows
 Councilmember George Bass
 Mayor Ron Bates
 Councilmember Hal Bernson
 Councilmember Lou Bone
 Councilmember JoAnne Darcy
 Mayor Bill Davis
 Councilmember Sarah Di Grandi
 Councilmember Richard Dixon
 Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger
 Councilmember Peter Herzog
 Councilmember Robert Hunter
 Councilmember Lawrence Kirkley
 Councilmember Al Leiga
 Vice Mayor Robin Lowe
 Supervisor Jon D. Mikels
 Councilmember Pam O'Connor
 Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis
 Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo
 Councilmember Jeffrey Reinhardt
 Mayor Tod W. Ridgeway
 Councilmember Karen Rosenthal
 Mayor Pro Tem Janice Rudman
 Vice Mayor Xochilt Ruvalcaba
 Mayor Pro Tem David A. Spence
 Councilmember Robert Turner
 Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.
 Councilmember Linda Wilson

Voting Members Absent

Mayor Lauree Aragona
 Mayor George Cole
 Mayor Tom Daly
 Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung
 Councilmember John R. Fasana
 Councilmember Gary J. George
 Mayor Larry Grogan
 Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs
 Councilmember Tim Keenan
 Mayor James C. Ledford, Jr.
 Mayor Pro Tem Patsy Marshall
 Councilmember Keith McCarthy
 Supervisor Judy Mikels

City of San Gabriel
 City of Cerritos
 City of Bell
 City of Los Alamitos
 City of Los Angeles
 City of Tustin
 City of Santa Clarita
 City of Simi Valley, VCTC
 City of Cathedral, CVAG
 City of Lake Forest
 City of Moreno Valley
 City of Lake Forest, Orange County COG
 City of Victorville
 City of Inglewood
 City of Claremont, San Gabriel Valley COG
 City of Hemet, RCTC
 County of San Bernardino
 City of Santa Monica, Westside/Summit Subregion.
 City of Cathedral City, CVAG
 City of Pico Rivera
 Las Virgenes-Malibu-Conejo Subregion
 City of Newport Beach
 City of Claremont
 City of Corona
 City of South Gate, Gateway Cities COG
 City of La Canada Flintridge, Arroyo Verdugo Cities
 City of Port Hueneme, Ventura COG
 City of Pasadena
 City of Manhattan Beach, South Bay Cities COG

Representing

City of La Palma, Orange County COG
 City of Bell, Gateway Cities COG
 City of Anaheim, Orange County COG
 City of Laguna Niguel
 City of Duarte, SGVCOG
 City of Redlands
 City of El Centro, IVAG
 City of El Segundo
 City of Cypress, Orange County COG
 City of Palmdale
 City of Buena Park, Orange County COG
 City of Downey
 County of Ventura

Councilmember Stacey Murphy
Mayor Gwenn Norton-Perry
Councilmember Mark Nuaimi
Mayor Gary Ovitt
Councilmember Kelly Seyarto
Supervisor Charles V. Smith
Councilmember Dick Stanford
Councilmember Tom Sykes
Councilmember Paul Talbot
Mayor Charles White

City of Burbank
City of Chino Hills
City of Fontana, SANBAG CTC
City of Ontario, SANBAG
City of Murrieta, WRCOG Subregion
County of Orange County, OCTA
City of Azusa
City of Walnut
City of Alhambra
City of Moreno Valley, WRCOG Subregion

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Present

Rose Casey

Representing

Caltrans, Los Angeles

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Absent

Board Member

Rotating Board Member

Representing

California, DOT

Air Resources Board

Transportation Commissions - Vacant

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority